GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study carried-out by the North Eastern Social Research Centre has revealed that 19 lakh persons were displaced or adversely affected due to acquisition of around 14,01,186 acres of land for development purpose and only 5% of the displaced or affected persons had been rehabilitated so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the plan prepared to rehabilitate the displaced persons and the funds allocated therefor?

Answer

MINISTER, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a),(b)&(c): According to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, no such study has been funded by the Indian Council for Social Science Research or its Regional Centre. The Department of Land Resources also do not have specific information about the displaced or affected persons due to land acquisition. However, the Department of Land Resources have formulated a National Policy on Resettlement & Rehabilitation of Project Affected Families-2003

(NPRR-2003), which has been published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) and has been circulated to Ministries/Departments concerned and to State Governments for adoption. It lays down minimum provisions with respect to project-affected people, and is applicable to projects displacing 500 families or more en masse in plains areas or 250 families or more in hilly areas, Desert Development Programme (DDP) Blocks and areas mentioned in Schedule V or Schedule VI of the Constitution of India. The policy is in the form of broad guidelines for all concerned and offers minimum provisions, while the States or PSUs may offer better benefit packages.